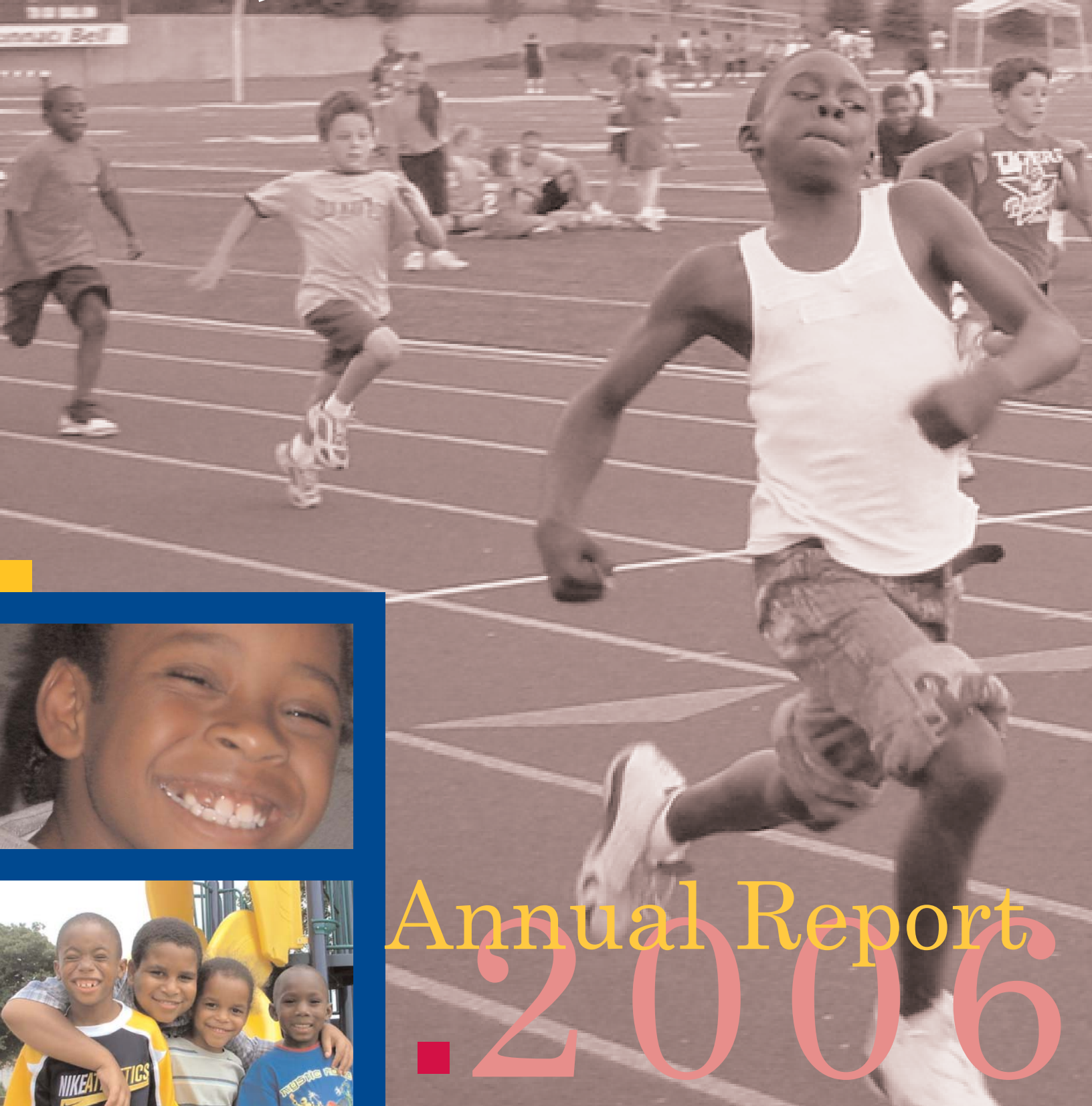




# Cincinnati Recreation Commission



## Annual Report 2006

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# 2006 Annual Report



## Mission Statement

The Cincinnati Recreation Commission is dedicated to providing recreational and cultural activities for all people in our neighborhoods and the whole community. We believe that by enhancing people's personal health and wellness, we strengthen and enrich the lives of our citizens and build a spirit of community in our City.

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## Dear Members of City Council, Recreation Commission Members and Citizens:

Leadership. Never has a term been so simple to comprehend but difficult to achieve and never has a role been so important to the residents of the City of Cincinnati. The Cincinnati Recreation Commission takes its role as a leader very seriously and it is our goal to become a leader in every area we serve.

Leadership takes on as many diverse components as the city's demographics dictate. Whether it's community outreach, youth programming, therapeutics, outdoor education, healthy lifestyles, special events, the arts, partnerships or sports, CRC makes every effort to ensure that the citizens of Cincinnati enjoy a good quality of life - regardless of geography, age or ability.

Speaking of leadership - James R. Garges, who had been the Director of Recreation for the past 6 years, moved to Mecklenburg County in North Carolina at the beginning of 2007 to accept a new position. Jim Garges personified leadership at CRC. His "Pride In Our Playgrounds" initiative completely replaced or renovated all 115 of the city's playgrounds. His legacy will be long remembered.

Michael Thomas was named as Interim Director in January of 2007.

As we move into our 80th year in 2007, the Cincinnati Recreation Commission will continue to play a vital leadership role in each Cincinnati neighborhood.

*Denise Driehaus*

Denise Driehaus, President  
Cincinnati Recreation Commission

### COMMISSIONERS: Left to Right:

Catherine D. Ingram, Roscoe A. Fultz, Michael J. Moeddel, Jacob Lawson (youth), Denise M. Driehaus, Ean Harris (youth), and Rev. Kazava Smith



## Youth Commissioners

CRC appointed **2** youth to serve as youth commissioners. These youth serve as advocates for the diverse group of youth who regularly use CRC facilities. Jacob Lawson and Ean Harris completed their terms in the fall of 2006.

While serving they attended CRC Commission Meetings and CRC Teen Advisory Committee Meetings and assisted with the facilitation, planning and conducting of Citywide Teen Socials

## Teen Advisory Committee

CRC invited teens from all Community Centers to participate in the Teen Advisory Committee.

CRC staff and teen participants come together at these meetings to discuss teen programs, plan upcoming City-wide Teen Socials and discuss current teen concerns and issues.

CRC Teen Socials brought more than **400** youth together from across the City for fun and interactive events.



Recreation Employment Corps Recognition

## Recreation Employment Corps

CRC designed this youth internship program to address critical employability issues with youth in our community. The program provides on-the-job-employment experience and training, including trainings in interview & workplace communication, conflict resolution, resume writing, and budgeting.

The program received **2** grants from Hamilton County Job and Family Services totaling over \$111,000 in 2006. **60** teens participated in the Winter/Spring and Summer REC sessions.

## Green Team

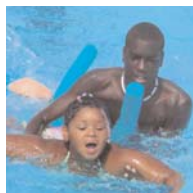
The Green Team program provides entry-level training opportunities for young adults in the CRC Outdoor Maintenance Division. Each work group is paired with an experienced CRC employee who serves as a mentor and teacher. Green Team employees assisted in the following work activities: litter control, landscaping, general cleanups at CRC facilities and playgrounds, painting, playground repair, grass cutting, ballfield & pool maintenance, fencing installation and repair. In 2006, Green Team employed **30** youth and young adults ages 16-24.

## Guard Start

The Guard Start Learn and Earn Program continued into its 6th year thanks to a grant from the CRC Foundation and in-kind support from the American Red Cross. This program builds a foundation of knowledge, attitudes and skills for youth ages 11-14 to become future lifeguards at age 15. Participants received instruction in accident prevention, fitness, emergency response, leadership, professionalism, customer service and swimming skill development.

In 2006, Guard Start Provided growth opportunities for **191** youth at **26** pools during the summer

In 2006, **25** lifeguards had been previous Guard Start participants.







## OPRA Awards of Excellence

### Artist in Residence Program

Dayton artist Jean Howat Berry, an Ohio Arts Council Arts Learning Program Residency artist, was a theatre artist in residence with the Cincinnati Recreation Commission for four weeks in July and August 2006. Howat Berry, **13** eight- to twelve-year-olds from the East and West Price Hill neighborhoods, and **2** teen peer leaders met four mornings a week at St. William Church in West Price Hill to make masks, learn individual and ensemble acting skills, and develop a short dramatic presentation that reflected issues in their communities. In addition, the artist conducted mask-making and theatre workshops with children, seniors, and CRC staff from across Cincinnati at five CRC community centers. The award-winning program ended with a theatre presentation and an exhibition of masks at St. William Church.

CRC project coordinator Diane Glos said the program provided "a great opportunity for children to express themselves in a positive way." Jean Howat Berry sees similar value in the residency experience. Howat Berry said:

*When we make dramatic art, we are open and creative. We grow in self-awareness and confidence. Each of us will catch a glimpse of our own potential and feed that right back into our work. That's transformation!*

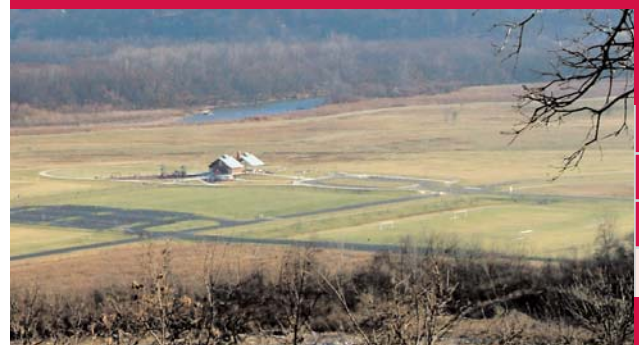
The residency project received the National Recreation and Park Association's 2007 Dorothy Mullen Arts and Humanities Award for agencies serving populations between 200,000 and 499,999 and the first place award in the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association's 2006 Awards of Excellence Youth Programs and Events category.

### The Otto Armleder Memorial Park and Recreation Complex on the Little Miami River

The Otto Armleder Complex is located in the Linwood Community between Beechmont Avenue, Wooster Pike and the Little Miami River. This **350** acre site is already the second-largest park (after Mt. Airy Forest) and one of Cincinnati's last great open spaces. Through a **3.8** million dollar grant to the Cincinnati Recreation Commission from the Otto Armleder Memorial Fund development of the first phase of the park became a reality in the summer of 2005. The Hamilton County Park District joined the team and funded the passive section of the park improvements and provided Ranger patrol for security. Development of the second phase of the park by the Hamilton County Park Board was completed in the fall of 2006. The Cincinnati Recreation Commission and Cincinnati Park Board jointly own the land. All three organizations have worked actively with the Community and Little Miami Incorporated for several years to develop the park Master Plan. The complex received the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association's first place award of Excellence in 2006.



Otto Armleder Memorial Park -- September 23



## Public Art Activities

### CRC Public Art Committee

CRC established the Cincinnati Recreation Commission Public Art Committee (CPAC) in August 2006. The committee advises CRC on building and maintaining its quality public art collection, developing an innovative collection philosophy, pursuing new opportunities and funding sources for public art, and working toward a unified approach to public art planning and management within the City of Cincinnati system.



### Artworks Condition Assessment

McKay Lodge Fine Arts Conservation Laboratory conducted a condition assessment of the 5 major permanent public artworks at the Waterfront in November 2006. The assessment included written and photographic documentation of the current condition of each artwork, identification of causes of deterioration, and recommended plans of action. The study is the first step in developing a maintenance and conservation plan for the artworks.



### My Art Project

Vision Trek developed a program for youth called "My Art". The My Art Project is a one or two day every week, year round project. The project provided 30 teens with a chance to explore and produce art that they eventually sold at one of the Mckie Recreation Center Art Shows. This particular activity at the 537 Studio was arranged a Vision Trek Leader. The 537 Studio Trip was just one aspect the "My Art Project". Trips were also scheduled, as were speakers and trips to expose the teens to artists and the art that they make. The Vision Trek "My Art Project" included youth from Bond Hill, North Avondale, Camp Washington, and Mckie.







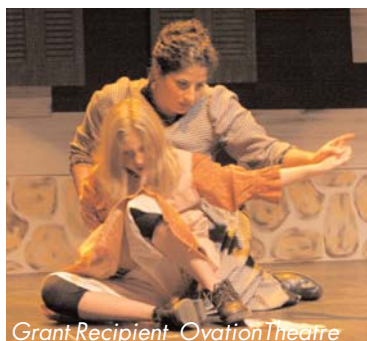
## Arts Grants Programs

The Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) administers three grant programs funded by the City of Cincinnati's arts policy (0.14% of General Fund revenues) and manages an annual contract with the Arts Consortium of Cincinnati, Greater Cincinnati's largest minority arts organization.

The City of Cincinnati is the only local government in the Tri-State that operates arts grant programs. It is the primary local funder of Cincinnati artists. The grant programs, established in 1989, provide support to twelve major arts and cultural organizations that are designated recipients of City funding and offer grants on a competitive basis to nonprofit, Cincinnati-based small arts organizations and to artists residing in Cincinnati. The grant programs encourage excellence, professionalism, and innovation in the arts and make the arts more accessible to Cincinnati residents.

Since 1989, the arts grant programs have contributed \$6.5 million to Cincinnati's arts and cultural community including 367 grants to small arts organizations and 275 grants to artists.

In 2006, \$286,313 was awarded to major arts organizations. Through the competitive grant programs, sixteen small arts organizations were awarded grants totaling \$97,897, and three artists were awarded grants totaling \$8,000.



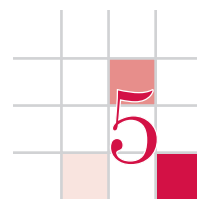
## Showboat *Majestic* Comes Home

The Showboat *Majestic*, the last intact Showboat in the United States, came home in January of 2006. The *Majestic* had been in dry dock near South Point, Ohio for a couple of months as the first phase of a restoration project examined the metal hull which was installed around the original wooden hull in 1997. All of the paint was removed and surface diagnostic tests were performed to make sure the metal hull was in good condition. A thick, sticky coat was applied to the bottom and then the hull was repainted. The Showboat *Majestic* also underwent major structural repairs to the original hull, the theatre floor and to the back staircase. This restoration was made possible when the Showboat received the \$150,000 Save America's Treasures grant awarded by the National Park Service in 2004.



The City of Cincinnati matched the grant with \$150,000 in cash and in-kind services. Launched in 1923, the Showboat entertained countless audiences in thousands of small American towns and cities. In 1965, the Safety at Sea Act barred wooden-hulled vessels from transporting passengers, so the *Majestic* became a permanent fixture on the Ohio riverbank.

Total attendance: **17,714**  
**6** shows in 2006

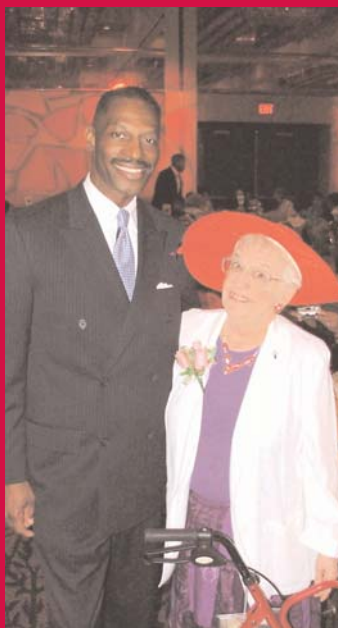




## Senior Hall of Fame

The Senior Citizen Hall of Fame was inaugurated by the Senior Citizens' Advisory Council of the Cincinnati Recreation Commission in cooperation with the City of Cincinnati and its Mayor. The Hall of Fame helps our community recognize the contributions and achievements of its senior citizens. Awards are presented to persons 60 and older. The nominees have been selected by their fellow members on the basis of significant and continuing contributions to the social and cultural life of the Cincinnati community.

**36** nominees      **680** attended



## Count Me In Puppetry Program

The Cincinnati Recreation Foundation was awarded a grant in the amount of \$7,000 through CVS/pharmacy for the purchase of the COUNT ME IN puppetry kit. The kit contains **8** 3-foot-tall puppets that portray youngsters from diverse backgrounds with a variety of disabilities.



The COUNT ME IN puppetry program was designed to help children and adults learn about disabilities and chronic illnesses. This program promotes easier integration between children with disabilities and children without disabilities in schools and communities.

CRC is very excited about the impact that this program will have on promoting inclusion and disability awareness in our communities. In 2006 alone, the puppet show was presented to more than **900** community members.



## Openings & Dedications

The Cincinnati Recreation Commission is dedicated to keeping our centers, pools, playgrounds and golf courses in the best condition possible. As our buildings begin to age, it is paramount that renovations take place. In 2006, CRC completed a variety of projects:

### Reeves Golf Course

Reeves Golf Course & Driving Range celebrated the Grand Opening of its newly designed and remodeled back **9** and state-of-the-art driving range the weekend of June 2-3, 2006. The large scale course redesign was necessary because of the expansion of Lunken Airfield. In 2007, the Reeves Clubhouse will receive a complete makeover, with the completion date set in the spring.

### Laurel Park

After undergoing \$116,000 in renovation, Laurel Park, which is located on the corner of W. Liberty & John Street reopened. It is the oldest park owned by the Cincinnati Recreation Commission, built in **1905** and transferred to CRC in 1927.

### Ryan Park

The United States Tennis Association launched the US Open Series Legacy Program with the total refurbishing of Ryan Park Tennis Courts in Westwood.

### Winton Hills Center

The Winton Hills Recreation Center located at 5170 Winneste Ave., received a \$1.2 million dollar face-lift. The project totally renovated the interior, replaced the HVAC system, and installed an elevator, **2** new bathrooms, a concession area, a new classroom, entry vestibule and new windows.

### LeBlond Recreation Center

CRC completed the \$2.6 million dollar renovation of LeBlond Recreation Center, 235 Riverside Drive (formerly Eastern Ave). The project included the addition of **4800** square ft, a new gym with rubber flooring, new restrooms, game room, weight & fitness, meeting room, library and activities room.



Reeves -- June 2



Laurel -- June 22



Ryan -- August 11



Winton Hills -- September 29



LeBlond -- January 27, 2007



## Senior/Teen 8-Ball and Chalk Talk

8-Ball was held **6** times with a total of **56** seniors. The Ohio State Senior Olympics co-sponsored the Senior/Teen 8-Ball league. League play took place from June through August. The Chalk Talk program with teens was held on June 22. They met again in July and August.

The 8-Ball Pool League with Ohio Senior Olympics offered a Teen and Senior Multigenerational Program called Chalk Talk. This program brought teens and adults together for lunch and billiard instruction. This group met **3** times in the summer with partnerships from Rack and Roll Billiards and BW3's Western Hills.



## Active for Life

The Active for Life Program took place this summer at Dunham Seniors and Lincoln Seniors. This program helps develop the motivation and skills needed to become more physically active in everyday life.

The class met once a week for **1** hour. This program is provided by Council on Aging through a grant from The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Congratulations to those that completed the class and changed their lifestyle!





## Hershey Track & Field Program

The Hershey Track & Field Program was created over 30 years ago to promote youth physical fitness and provide fun learning experiences for children 9 to 14 years old. Youth track & field is a great way to get kids started in a physical fitness program. It's the largest youth sports program of its kind in the United States and Canada. Track & Field meets take place in every state and every province in North America. In Cincinnati, **550** children participated in the meet at Taft High School.

## Adapted Golf Carts & Accessible Golf

- Single Rider carts allow the golfer to transfer from their car or wheelchair to the cart.
- A chest harness is provided for those who need additional upper body support.
- Clubs are mounted on the front of the cart for easy accessibility.
- The cart allows the golfer to play from a seated position or it can elevate and support the golfer to an almost standing position.
- Adapted golf clubs with flatter lie angles are always available for golfers who would rather play from a seated position.
- The golf carts can go almost anywhere on the course, including putting greens.

The game of golf provides a wonderful recreational opportunity for all. Golf has the ability to allow players of different skill levels to play together. In 2006, CRC acquired two Single Rider golf carts, for use by individuals with physical and/or mobility impairments, to help them learn the game of golf and participate successfully in all of its aspects. The goal is to increase the participation of people with disabilities at all Cincinnati Recreation Commission Golf Courses.

Single Rider carts are unique as they allow the individual with a disability to play golf from a seated position or can elevate and support the golfer to an almost standing position. Single Rider carts allow the golfer to transfer from their cars or wheelchair to the cart and go anywhere on the course by cart! CRC can even provide clubs with a different lie angle so the ball can be hit from a seated position.

CRC also offers group and individual instruction with PGA professionals and Golf Clinics for people with disabilities. To find out more information about group or individual golf instruction, or to find out more about learning how to play golf in a Single Rider cart please call (513)352.2549. To schedule a cart for play at any of CRC's seven golf courses, please call (513)771.1745, extension 3 or 5.

Accessible Golf is available at the following six CRC Golf Courses: Avon Fields, California, Dunham, Glenview, Neumann and Reeves.



## Seniors 50+ Adventure Club

Seniors can enjoy the Adventures of the Outdoors with the help of CRC 50+ Adventure programming. From sailing, to kayaking and canoeing to scuba-diving - CRC Seniors do it all, and they enjoy a healthy lifestyle while they are at it!

On Wednesday September 20, 2006, the Sail Rider program introduced a group of Seniors to sailing. The day included an afternoon of sailing and instruction in boat etiquette, safe boating tips and how to ride on a boat driven by the wind.

August 28 & 29, the Senior Adventure Club went on the Senior RiverTrek. The tour guide talked about the history of the river and the surrounding communities while traveling nearly **10** miles down river. They enjoyed a cold lunch on the river, made camp at Morgan's Riverside Camp for dinner, enjoyed hot showers and slept under the stars!



## Adventure Outpost

A partnership between CRC and Hamilton County Parks brought youth participants to the Adventure Outpost at Winton Woods. This resident camping program provides a safe, enjoyable camping experience for youth with an emphasis on building outdoor skills, teamwork and leadership. In 2006, **33** CRC groups used the facility with a total of **688** participants. While there, youth participated in a variety of outdoor recreation activities including Ropes Course, Bicycling, Canoeing, and Hiking.

## Teen Backpacking

Teens from across the city had the opportunity to experience backpacking and camping in the backcountry areas of the East Fork Lake Region.

**57** teens spent 2 days and 1 night back-packing along a 9-mile portion of the East Fork Backcountry Trail. Teens learned how to pack for an overnight camping trip, how to set up and take down camping equipment, and basic safety guidelines to use when camping and hiking.

## Discover SCUBA

This introductory SCUBA program offered diving and snorkeling instruction in CRC's deep-water pools.

**193** teens received SCUBA and snorkeling instruction in 2006, and more than 1,000 youth have been introduced to the sport of SCUBA through this program.





## Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs

This program was made possible through a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to provide fishing instruction & activities, aquatic exploration and free equipment to participants. This program emphasized the value of being involved in positive outdoor recreation activities, while educating children about the negatives of drug use.

In 2006, more than 1000 youth from 19 CRC recreation centers participated in weekly instructional fishing trips, fish identification, environmental conservation, fishing safety and lure-making, 4,000 youth fished at the Kids' Fest Fishing Pond and 1,200 youth participated in two Fish Fest Events at Burnet Woods.

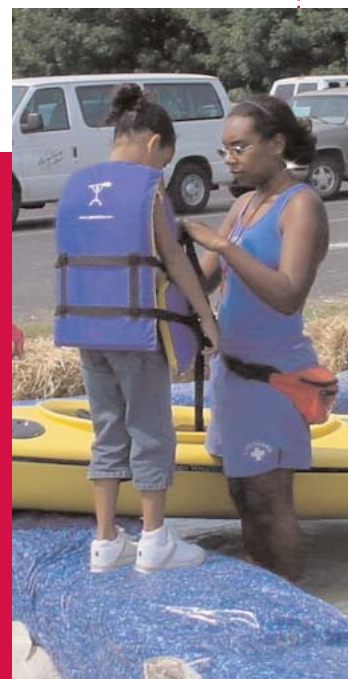
Total youth served in 2006: **12,000**



## Rivertrek

This year was the 10th anniversary of this exciting journey of self-discovery that brings teens together from diverse backgrounds. Rivertrekkers learn camping, canoeing, kayaking, leadership and teamwork skills on this trip covering 50 miles along the State and National Scenic Little Miami River.

**27** teens, ages 13-17, made the 5-day and 4-night trip down the river from July 24th – July 28th, 2006.





## NFL Flag Football

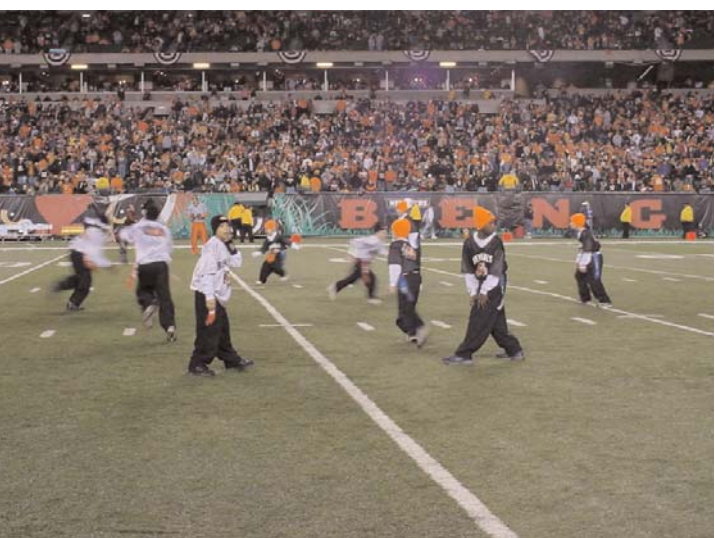
CRC's Flag Football program was invited to play an All-Star Game during half time of the Cincinnati Bengals vs Pittsburgh Steelers Playoff game at Paul Brown Stadium in January of 2006. The unbridled excitement of the kids and the city was evident as it celebrated the first playoff game in Cincinnati in **15** years.

This was a once in a lifetime opportunity for the kids to play hard and play well in front of **65,000** people at a packed stadium.

## Corporate Community Partner Award Anthony Muñoz Foundation

The Anthony Muñoz Foundation recieved one of two Corporate Community Partnership Awards on October 19, 2006, in appreciation for giving Cincinnati Children the opportunity to experience football firsthand for 4 years.

The participants learn so much more than a game. They learn respect for the coach and each other; they learn teamwork and courtesy; they learn what it's like to press on through obstacles and the glory of achieving their goals. Thanks to the Anthony Muñoz Foundation for persistently giving the youth of Cincinnati dreams, and the power to achieve them.





## Extended Pool Season

Mayor Mark Mallory and attorney Stan Chesley raised \$140,000 in a matter of a few hours in August of 2006 to keep Cincinnati pools open an additional week during the summer.

"Keeping our pools open is vital to the quality of life in Cincinnati in the summer," Mayor Mallory said. "Recreational activities are an absolute priority. August is the hottest month of the summer and we need to make sure that everyone has access to city pools. Kids need to be able to have fun and play at our pools. It is our responsibility to make sure that they have that opportunity." The donations kept all **39** CRC pools open for one additional week and 11 pools open until the Friday before school started.

Thanks to the following for donating to city pools: Castellini Foundation, Stan Chesley of Waite, Schneider, Bayless and Chesley, GE Aviation, Fifth Third Bank, Carl Lindner, Macy's Federated, Joe Pichler and Western and Southern Financial Group.



## Corporate Community Partner Award Home Depot

Home Depot received one of two Corporate Community Partnership Awards on October 19, 2006, in appreciation for their philanthropic and volunteer support of the Cincinnati Recreation Commission's "Pride in Our Playgrounds" Program.

As a result of The Home Depot's generosity and donations, more than 35 new city playgrounds have been built. In particular, special recognition is given to the company's hands-on participation in six "1000 Hands" Projects, three employee-built playgrounds and the Dunham, Ryan and Linn and Livingston revitalization projects.

Because of their efforts the children of Cincinnati will have safe places to play for years to come.





# Leader in Special Events



The Tall Stacks Music & Heritage Festival in 2006 was the biggest and most successful event in the City of Cincinnati. Over **900,000** people strolled through Sawyer Point, the Bicentennial Commons, Yeatman's Cove and along the Serpentine Wall during the **5** day spectacular. National recording artists Ricky Skaggs, Al Green, Rosanne Cash, Betteye LaVette, Wilco and the Blind Boys of Alabama entertained the masses each evening, along with **16** visiting Riverboats from around the country. The economic impact of this festival for the City of Cincinnati is estimated at over **45** million dollars. CRC staff worked from dawn to after midnight each day to assure that the crowds had a clean, safe and fun experience. The Enquirer summed it up best when they said that

*"Tall Stacks told the world that Cincinnati knows how to throw a party!!"*







## Fountain Square

In 2006, the new and improved Fountain Square Ice Rink was re-opened by the Cincinnati Center City Development Corporation (3CDC). In partnership with 3CDC and Downtown Cincinnati Incorporated, CRC kicked off the season on November 24th with the "Light Up the Square" Ceremony.

Over **5000** residents enjoyed ice skating shows, musical acts, and fireworks!

Winter Season Admissions: **34,304**  
**31,922** Skate Rentals

## Dazzle Days

Tri-state residents filled the Tower Place Mall each weekend in December to shop, dine, listen to carolers, and visit Santa's Dazzle Days Workshop. Families experienced everything from face decorating, carnival games, balloons, and unique crafts. The staff dazzled Cincinnati families with weekends to remember!

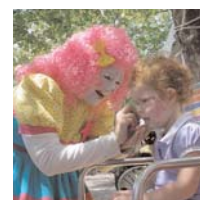
Total attendance for the December Weekends:

**4000**



## Kids' Fest

Kids' Fest is one of the oldest and largest "free" events for children. Featured were many social agencies, musical performances, athletic events, arts/crafts, a bicycle obstacle course, puppet shows, educational programs, and a real fishing hole with **400** catfish. The two-day event attracted over **70,000** people.

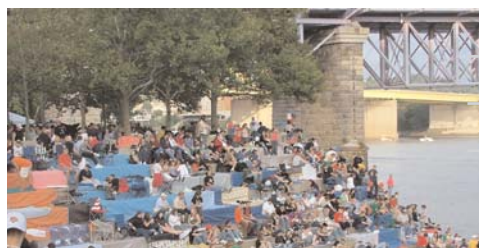


## Events at Sawyer Point

Between March 1st and October 30th, Sawyer Point was the site of **71** events including Tall Stacks, the March of Dimes Walk America, Flying Pig Marathon, Blues Fest, Mid-West Regional Black Family Reunion, Desdemona Indie Arts Festival, the All-American Birthday Party, Parties in the Park, and Parties at the Point. There were **6** new events held in 2006: Resurrection Ride, Desdemona Indie Arts Festival, Mix 94.1 Free Concert at the Point, Great Ohio River Swim-In, 9-11 Memorial, and Cincinnati Corporate Olympics.

Total estimated Sawyer Point attendance for 2006:

**1,702,105**



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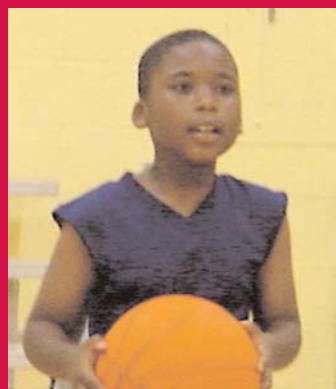


## Senior Olympics

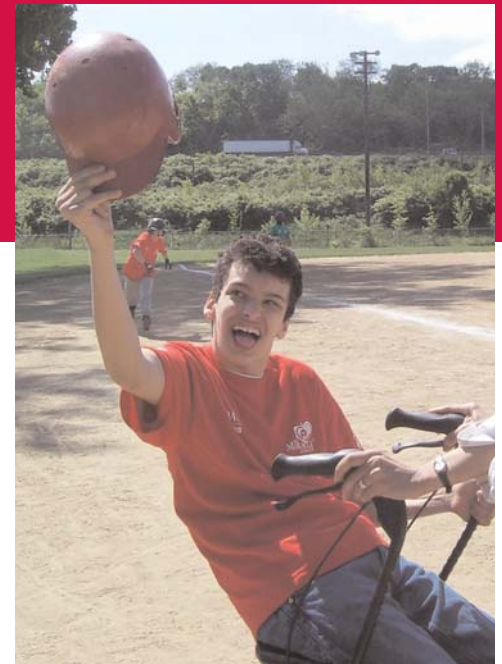
The Cincinnati Recreation Commission hosts the local Senior Olympics so that adults can participate in city events year-round that help keep them motivated and improve their lives by staying healthy, active and fit. CRC is committed to providing activities for senior athletes and others to be better informed about ways to ensure healthy aging. In 2006, CRC offered **18** sports with **66** events. **705** athletes registered, **123** were NEW athletes! More than **400** volunteer hours were logged, and fifteen CRC staff assisted with the event! What teamwork!

## Youth Athletic Events

- The Summer Hershey Track and Field meet had **550** youth participants
- George Foster Baseball Clinic served more than **80** youth in 2006
- George Foster Celebrity Golf Tournament raised money for youth baseball programs with **80** golfers participating
- 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament for teens was held at U.C.'s Fifth Third Arena and involved **350** participants. Offered in partnership with LaRosa's
- Youth Basketball Leagues served more than **200** youth
- Pepsi Pitch, Hit & Run and Punt, Pass & Kick events provided an opportunity to more than **500** youth test their skills and build their confidence. CRC received a grant from NRPA to host the local competitions
- Knothole Baseball Tournament included **20** teams and served 400 youth
- Summer Youth Baseball Tournament served **80** youth







## Reds Community Fund

Stop at the baseball fields at Paddock & Tennessee during 2006 and what did you see? Mounds and mounds of dirt, bulldozers, new team benches and lots of new fencing. The Cincinnati Reds Community Fund donated more than \$130,000 to help CRC refurbish several baseball fields. This renovation project will cost over \$200,000 to complete.

Renovations also took place at Queensgate, Court & Linn St., and in Evanston, at Dana and Realistic Ave. The Cincinnati Reds Community Fund continues to play a pivotal role in helping to promote recreation and positive influences in City neighborhoods. They have hit a home run with the Cincinnati Recreation Commission.

*The CRC Baseball Diamond Renovation Team L-R:  
Bill Blevins, Ron Odenbeck, Bryan Amrhein, Doug Palmer and Finley Jones*



## Miracle League

Throughout 2006, the Cincinnati Reds Community Fund, the Cincinnati Recreation Commission and the Miracle League of Greater Cincinnati continued to work together to secure funds to build a synthetic turf field to support the needs of the Miracle League. The goal is to build a field that would be part of a bigger complex and would have children with and without disabilities playing baseball in the same park! This project is expected to be completed in the Spring of 2008 — at CRC's Oskamp Park.

## Reds Rookie Success League

CRC also teamed up with the Cincinnati Reds Community Fund to provide a non-competitive, character-building summer baseball league targeting inner city youth, ages 8-11, in a 6-week program. In 2006, a competitive component was added on Mondays for 9-13 year olds. Each week a new "life-lesson" is introduced, incorporated and reinforced with the participants while playing baseball. The program mission is to teach children how to "be a successful person first."

**708** youth registered in 2006, and **120** coaches, many of them volunteers, helped in conducting this program. Free health and vision screenings, on site certified athletic trainers and equipment and refreshments were all provided by the Reds Community Fund.





## Aquatics & Athletics

The Aquatics and Athletics Division provides Cincinnati residents with fun, safe, and quality athletic and aquatic programs. The Athletics and Aquatic Division is dedicated to providing customer friendly environments and affordable and diverse activities, which meet the needs of our citizens, enriching lives through physical and recreational activities in the water, on the courts and ball fields, and in gymnasiums throughout the City of Cincinnati.

The Athletics and Aquatics Division manages the Cincinnati Recreation Commission's 39 swimming pools, 142 baseball and softball fields, 58 Soccer fields, 32 football fields and 129 tennis courts.

## Recreation Center Operations

The Recreation Center Operations Division is committed to the effective and efficient management of the City's recreation resources in order to provide residents with a variety of social, athletic, cultural, educational, and recreational activities.

The Recreation Center Operations Division is divided into three geographic regions and includes twenty-eight (28) Recreation Centers, sixteen (16) Senior Centers and Clubs, twelve (12) Lighted-School Programs and more than one-hundred Community Playgrounds. Programs are structured to enhance individual strengths and to contribute to the overall growth and development of customers.

## Golf

The Golf Division provides full-service, high-quality, and value-driven golf experiences to the citizens of Cincinnati. Each Cincinnati Recreation Commission golf course offers a unique golfing experience for all player levels.

CRC operates seven (7) public golf courses and five (5) driving ranges. The three-year average for annual rounds played at CRC courses is 316,525. Revenue covers operational and debt service expenses. Since 2005, golf operations have been managed via a management-service agreement with Billy Casper Golf Management. CRC oversees performance, infrastructure and capital improvements. All operational expenses and capital costs are paid by user fees.

## Arts Grants

The Arts Grants Division provides support for Cincinnati's emerging and established artists and arts organizations and increased access to arts experiences for Cincinnati residents.

The Division administers three grant programs funded by the City's arts policy (0.14% of General Fund revenues) and manages an annual contract with the Arts Consortium of Cincinnati. Grant-funded activities include the creation, presentation, and documentation of new works of art; educational programs for youth; public art projects; public radio and tv station services; museum programs; and music, dance, and theater productions.

## Communication & Design

The Communications and Design Division provides graphic, marketing, video, and communication support for all Divisions within CRC.

The Design Office creates printed collateral materials that market and promote CRC programs and activities. It is responsible for logo development, design standards, branding strategy and assures that the department image, message and identity is consistent and accurately delivered. The Communications Office maintains a relationship with media, provides press releases and monitors approximately \$1-million dollars in free television advertising that CRC receives annually. It creates documentary & recruitment videos and projects a positive image of the department through various local broadcast outlets.

## Financial Management

The Financial Management Division provides a comprehensive financial management program to support the goals and objectives of the Department. The Division prepares, manages, and monitors the Department's 27-million, all-funds operating budget.

The Financial Management Division captures all functions within the Recreation Department's business and accounting services. The Division keeps track of its immediate accomplishments and recognizes that its ultimate responsibility is to assist other Department programs achieve their performance targets.

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Statement of Revenues & Expenditures  
for the Year Ended 12/31/06

	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>
West Region 1/TR	\$ 673,525	\$ 2,803,388
East Region 2	\$ 858,403	\$ 2,899,345
Central Region 3/SR	\$ 839,120	\$ 3,225,916
Maintenance	-	\$ 5,983,240
Golf	\$ 6,121,545	\$ 6,040,324
Aquatics/Athletics	\$ 627,379	\$ 2,029,563
Waterfront	\$ 917,606	\$ 1,253,157
Administration	\$ 48,044	\$ 2,047,657
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,085,622</b>	<b>\$26,282,590</b>
Donations	\$ 567,086	\$ 555,418
Capital Projects (exp and enc)		\$14,148,095

### 2006 Operating Budget

General Fund	\$16,088,000
Restricted Fund/Revenue	\$10,219,000
Federal Grants	\$ 283,000
Donations	\$ 555,000
Debt Service	\$ 219,000
	<u>\$27,364,000</u>

### 2006 Capital Budget

Facility Renovations	\$ 1,423,000
Outdoor Facility Renovations	\$ 172,350
Athletics Facility Renovations	\$ 656,000
Compliance with (ADA)	<u>\$ 100,000</u>
	<b>\$3,902,500</b>



## Seniors, TR & Volunteers

The Therapeutic Recreation Division, Senior Division and Volunteer Division provide high-quality recreation and leisure experiences to citizens of Cincinnati. Therapeutic and senior recreation programs include both specialized and inclusive programming for adults and youth. Volunteer opportunities with Recreation offer citizens the opportunity to help others in all communities throughout Cincinnati. All programs provide the individual with the opportunity for self-expression, encourage social interaction, and promote the growth and development of healthy lifestyles.

CRC offers a variety of therapeutic recreation and senior services, programs and activities. All CRC programs rely on community volunteers.

## Waterfront & Special Events

The Division of Waterfront and Special Events provides recreational and cultural activities for the greater Cincinnati community, provides a venue for citizens to enhance their personal health and cultural awareness and brings residents together to enrich and improve their quality of life.

The land on which the venue is located is known as Sawyer Point, Bicentennial Commons and Yeatman's Cove. Covering more than 22 acres, the park is a world-class recreation facility with eight (8) tennis courts, three (3) sand volleyball courts, river overlooks, a Riverwalk, the P&G Performance Pavilion, Schott Amphitheater, Skating Pavilion, the Showboat *Majestic* floating theater and "Every Child's" Accessible Playground.

## Youth & Family Services

The Youth and Family Services Division recognizes the critical importance of fostering youth development in leadership roles. This Division works with CRC staff and neighborhood youth to identify trends in recreation; to seek out alternative sources of revenue; and to identify and develop youth serving community partnerships.

The Division coordinates citywide teen and youth forums, the Recreation Employment Corps, and various city-wide youth outreach programs such as the Mayor's Breakfast for Youth, RiverTrek and the Teen Volunteer Recognition Dinner. Staff also serve as the CRC liaison to other youth-servicing agencies and as mentors to the Cincinnati Recreation Commission Youth Members.

## Human Resources

The Human Resource Division provides the support necessary to ensure effective delivery of the Department's services. This Division advises staff on grievance procedures, provides core training, and works with personnel on all levels. This Division also handles the paperwork process for full-time and part-time employees, including fingerprinting, criminal background checks, notary services and assistance with the completion of the forms for hiring applicants.

Human Resources reflects a broad range of personnel-related services. Staff in the Human Resource Division work with all Cincinnati Recreation Commission divisions and provide assistance as needed.

## Maintenance

Two Divisions are crucial to keeping facilities open and safe on a daily basis. The Facility Maintenance Division maintains the structure of CRC facilities in safe conditions. The Outdoor Maintenance Division provides safe playgrounds, athletic fields and recreation sites.

Facility Maintenance manages trades disciplines such as electrical, HVAC, roofing carpentry, plumbing, painting, masonry, and glasswork. Additionally, they maintain a network of 28 centers and 41 pools. Outdoor Maintenance performs duties such as grass cutting, trash pick-up, playground equipment repair, athletic field maintenance, and general maintenance.

## Technical Services

The Technical Services Division guides and administers the capital-improvement program for the Cincinnati Recreation Commission and provides safe and attractive recreation facilities.

The Technical Services Division administers all activities related to CRC's capital budget. Capital improvements and projects range from simple replacement of capital equipment to acquisition and development of new recreation complexes.

	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
West Region 1/TR	\$ 634,587	\$ 2,723,409
East Region 2	\$ 772,791	\$ 2,705,320
Central Region 3/SR	\$ 792,591	\$ 3,116,433
Maintenance	-	\$ 5,740,844
Golf	\$ 6,008,368	\$ 5,955,272
Aquatics/Athletics	\$ 629,943	\$ 1,987,184
Waterfront	\$ 826,965	\$ 787,607
Administration	\$ 41,651	\$ 1,893,678
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,706,896</b>	<b>\$24,909,747</b>
 Donations	 \$ 280,610	 \$ 377,651
 Capital Projects (exp and enc)		 \$16,418,986

### 2005 Operating Budget

General Fund	\$14,878,430
Restricted Fund/Revenue	\$10,192,990
Federal Grants	\$ 242,280
Donations	\$ 272,750
Debt Service	\$ 207,150
	<u>\$ 25,793,600</u>

### 2005 Capital Budget

Facility Renovations	\$ 1,879,600
Outdoor Facility Renovations	\$ 996,500
Athletics Facility Renovations	\$ 943,000
Compliance with (ADA)	\$ 100,000
	<u>\$ 3,919,100</u>

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## S t a t i s t i c s

For ONE WEEK in July, 2006, the Cincinnati Recreation Commission recorded the following:

Annual Employees . . . . .	207	Adult Tournaments/Events . . . . .	36
Seasonal Employees . . . . .	1,033	Youth Tournaments/Events . . . . .	15
Payroll Checks Processed . . . . .	1,240	Youth Participants in Reds Rookie Success League . . . . .	709
TV News Hits & Newspaper Stories (100% positive) . . . . .	35	Youth Participants in NJTL . . . . .	660
Average Viewership & Circulation . . . . .	123,883	Tennis Spectators at Lunken Playfield (during ATP week) . . . . .	1,674
Average Visits to the CRC Website . . . . .	2,821	Picnic Area Rentals at Lunken Playfield . . . . .	1,300
CRC Programs offered (one count per program) . . . . .	889	Attendance at Lunken Playfield Bike Trail . . . . .	2,795
CRC Programs offered (per occurrence) . . . . .	1,276	Attendance at Lunken Playfield Playground . . . . .	594
Overall Attendance at Recreation Centers . . . . .	25,846	Attendance at Lunken Playfield Mini Golf . . . . .	134
Youth Day Camp Attendance at Recreation Centers . . . . .	5,931	Bicycle Rentals at Lunken Playfield . . . . .	48
Programs held at Recreation Centers . . . . .	1,276	Golf Rounds Played . . . . .	9,854
Program Hours at Recreation Centers . . . . .	5,889	Regular Golf Rounds Played . . . . .	7,537
New Memberships at Recreation Centers . . . . .	184	Senior Golf Rounds Played . . . . .	1,607
Hours of Operation at Recreation Centers . . . . .	1,637	Youth Golf Rounds Played . . . . .	710
Volunteer Hours at Recreation Centers . . . . .	554	Visitors to Sawyer Point . . . . .	25,750
Participants in Senior Programs . . . . .	3,901	Sawyer Point Event/Rental Attendance (3 events) . . . . .	6,200
Participants in Senior Olympics . . . . .	1,497	Showboat Majestic Attendance . . . . .	628
T.R. Programs offered . . . . .	16	Sawyer Point Sand Volleyball . . . . .	195
Participants in T.R. Programs . . . . .	295	Skating Pavilion Attendance . . . . .	220
Participants in T.R. Day Camps . . . . .	64	Sawyer Point Tennis . . . . .	120
Participants in T.R. Miracle League Baseball . . . . .	182	Children Served through the Mobile Playground Van . . . . .	250
Participants in T.R. Adapted Aquatics . . . . .	10	Participants in Discover SCUBA . . . . .	37
Participants in T.R. Tennis Camp . . . . .	24	Participants in Adventure Outpost . . . . .	81
Participants Supported Through Inclusion . . . . .	83	Participants in Rivertrek . . . . .	27
Attendance at Pools . . . . .	25,490	Participants in Rec. Employment Corps Intern program . . . . .	29
Pool Memberships Sold . . . . .	546	Participants in Rec. Employment Corps Training . . . . .	23
Attendance at Kroger Event (Oskamp) . . . . .	303	Areas Mowed & Maintained . . . . .	150
Participants in Guard Start Program . . . . .	299	Ballfields Drug & Maintained . . . . .	400
Adult Participants in Athletic Leagues . . . . .	18,818	Trash Cans Emptied . . . . .	2,600
Youth Participants in Athletic Leagues . . . . .	690	Sites Cleaned . . . . .	600
		Individual Artist Grants . . . . .	3
		Small Arts Organization Grants . . . . .	16

## Additional Annual Facility Statistics

Operating Budget . . . . .	\$26,870,000	Golf Courses . . . . .	7
Revenue Estimate . . . . .	\$10,000,000	Fitness and Bike Trails . . . . .	7
Capital Improvements . . . . .	\$17,000,000	Theaters/Pavilions . . . . .	7
Full-Time Employees . . . . .	207	Outdoor Basketball Courts . . . . .	59
Seasonal Employees . . . . .	1,020	Baseball/Softball Fields . . . . .	149
Acreage of land controlled & maintained . . . . .	2,638 acres	Football Fields . . . . .	29
Recreation Facilities . . . . .	250	Soccer Fields . . . . .	44
Recreation Centers . . . . .	27	Tennis Courts . . . . .	122
Playgrounds . . . . .	108	Miniature Golf Courses . . . . .	1
Fitness Centers . . . . .	19	Sand Volleyball Courts . . . . .	2
Senior Centers and Clubs . . . . .	16	Skating Rinks . . . . .	3
Swimming Pools . . . . .	40	Boat Ramps . . . . .	3

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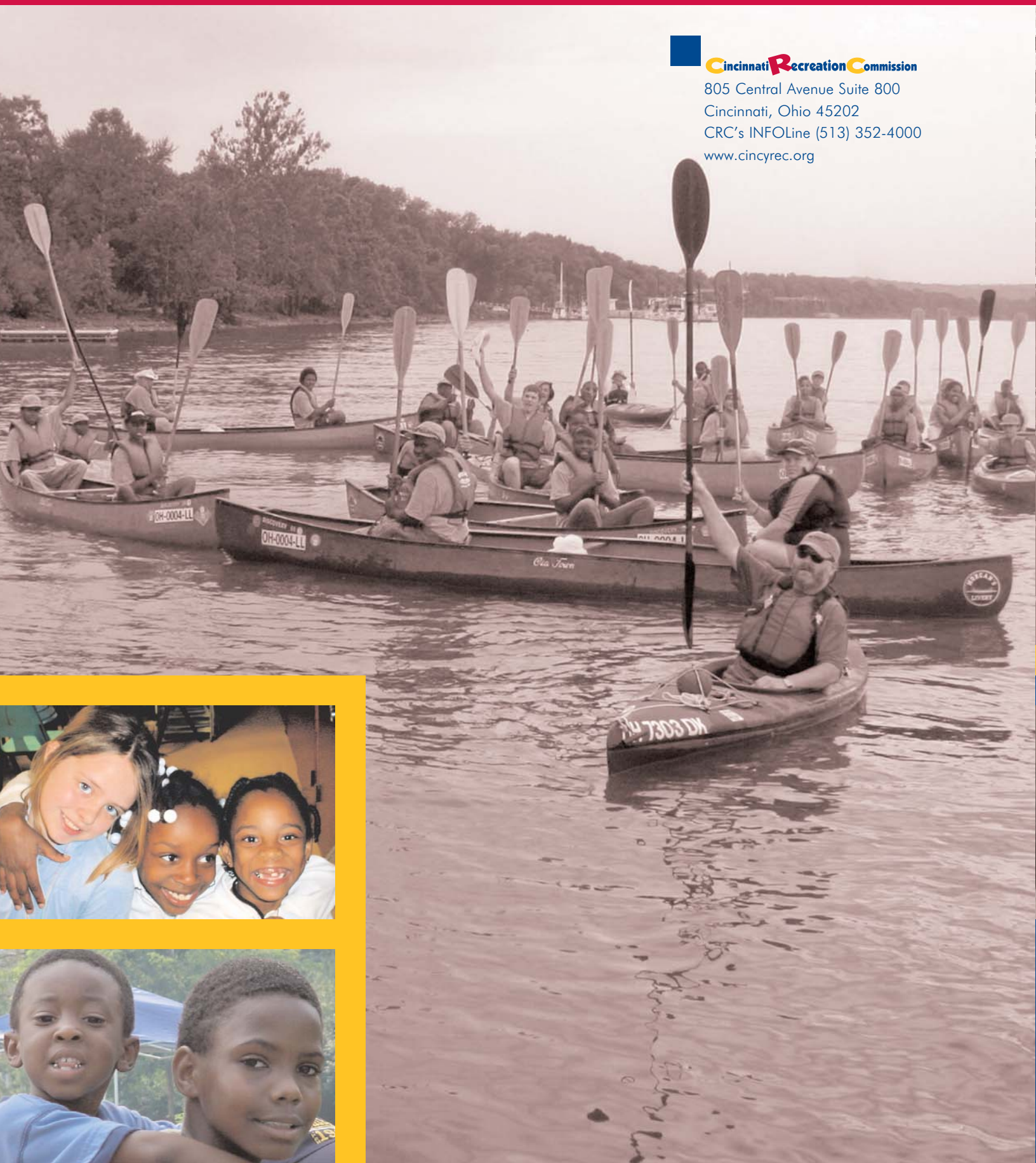
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